



INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY OF ANTIQUE SCALE COLLECTORS

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NEW YEAR GREETINGS.

All's well with ISASC these days. Our membership is at an all-time high, plans for our convention are well underway, and based on impressions we're getting these days, there seems to be a feeling of well-being shared by all. Our newest members are listed in the enclosed directory supplement, and if you read on, you'll learn what else is new with ISASC.

PHILADELPHIA BECKONS.

Our convention co-chairmen, Emil Cohn and Lew Weiss, have been diligently putting things together for our conclave in the City of Brotherly Love this coming May 11 to 13. By now, you've undoubtedly received the convention registration packet, and it should be quite obvious to one and all that good times are in store for the lucky members who'll be with us. Emil and Lew have left no stone unturned, and from the opening get-acquainted party to the closing brunch, every event bears testimony to the care and attention that have gone into planning our convention. Highlights include a tour of the city, the silent auction, the symposium, and the gala reception and banquet. On top of all this, and true of each annual meeting, is the pleasure of hobnobbing with so many members from near and far (one of the most delightful being Diana Crawforth, who is coming from Oxford to spend two weeks on our shores and spread British good cheer at our convention).

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The best advice we can give you at this point is to finalize your plans and make your reservations now. It'll make Emil and Lew's job easier and enable you to rest easy knowing that you've taken the first step to assure your convention enjoyment.

NEW TO LOOK FORWARD TO.

Tod Carley, life member and Director Emeritus of ISASC, surprised us a few weeks ago by presenting us with a chronology of all the articles in EQM from 1978 through 1989, listed by title and author. It was quite apparent that the project represented many laborious hours, and we're most grateful to Tod for initially seeing a need and then filling it so competently. At the moment, the list is going through the final editing process, after which it will be fed into the computer, printed-out, and bound. When all this is done, it will be ready for member distribution, and that's what will take place via the next EQM mailing in April. Best of all, it will be provided as another ISASC benefit, at no charge, and as new members join our Society, they, too, will receive a copy.

MORE THAT'S NEW.

A while back, member Jerry Katz wrote us and volunteered to act as a clearing house for a new service that he believes a number of members might very much like to take advantage of. The sense of it is this: Any member who has a query or is looking for information about (1) a particular scale or set of weights; (2) a broad-based aspect of metrology; (3) verification of historical or scientific data -- in short, anything having to do with any aspect of collecting, need only forward his or her query to Jerry. Jerry, in turn, will send the member whatever answer he's able to provide, at the same time consolidating all the queries as a separate enclosure for the next EQM mailing. In this way, every member will receive all the queries submitted during the previous three months, and those who can provide an answer or information will then be able to directly contact any member(s) who initiated a query and tell them what they're hoping to learn. It sounds like an excellent service to us, and there's no

better time to start it than right now. So all you need do, if you're looking to know more about your hobby, is to "Ask Jerry" (he's listed, of course, in our directory). By the time our April mailing comes due, we'll have a good idea of the value of this service and can decide if it's worth continuing.

A NEW OFFERING.

From Linda Loewenstein, our daughter in Boulder, Colorado, and a fast friend of ISASC, come a sample of and news about a "new product," the Mail Scale. On the theory that some of you out there are interested in and, given a chance, would like to acquire modern-day scales, we're including with this Newsletter a photo of the Mail Scale, on the back of which is a press release telling all about it and how to go about buying one. (A word to the wise: If you want one, you'd better buy it quickly, as it's been our experience that many a new consumer scale, however highly touted, often doesn't catch on to the point where it enjoys sufficient sales; ergo, the company goes out of business and the scale becomes a rarity.)

ART EPHEMERA.

If you'll allow us some semantic liberty with the above heading, two stunning examples of "fine art" recently came our way, courtesy of Carole Thomas of West Palm Beach, Florida. Carole, an antique dealer of note and a long-time friend of ISASC, discovered these objects while browsing (a necessary prelude to finding and buying), and immediately thinking of us, acquired them at great cost. Enclosed is your own private copy of one, in classic black and white and suitable for framing, along with several suggestions on how to use it, namely: display on your gallery (or kitchen) wall; keep in a prominent place in your scrapbook; carry in your wallet (folded or reduced in size), along with precious family photos. In our next Newsletter, we'll send you the companion piece. Not only do we find them to be entertaining, but we're sure art connoisseurs would agree that they're bound to greatly increase in value as time goes on.

THANKS (IN THE MAIN).

Jan Macho, our dedicated treasurer, writes to tell us that two of our members, Irvin Gendler and Michael Goodman, paid their dues with a \$100 check, donating the extra \$60 to ISASC. Thank you, gentlemen, for your generosity, interpreted by us as an expression of your regard for our Society. And to most everyone else, our thanks also for paying your dues promptly. We won't mention names, of course, but we do want to remonstrate with those members who, while true blue in their commitment to our Society, have been negligent in paying their dues on a timely basis. The need to send out second and third notices really works a hardship on Jan, who already has his hands full with ISASC matters. Please, if as yet you have not paid your 1990 dues, get a check off today.

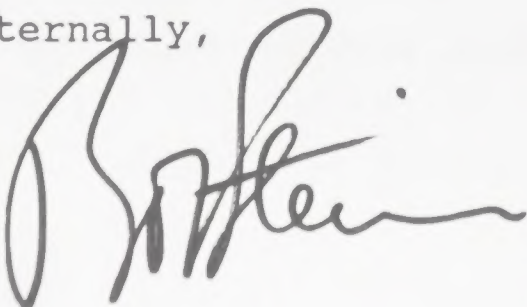
EDUCATION AT BARGAIN PRICES.

Two times each year we update our list of library offerings, and the first time for 1990 is at hand. Enclosed is our current list, offering a diverse choice of books, pamphlets, posters, historical documents, etc. If your library shelves have more than their fair share of knick-knacks, we respectfully suggest you relegate such trifles to your attic or basement and replace them with the stuff for which library shelves were intended -- good reading material, and especially about metrology. That's what we're offering you these days, and all you need do is order what you don't have and would surely enjoy. It's that easy.

AND ON AN APOLOGETIC NOTE...

for getting this mailing out belatedly (we ordinarily do better), we'll say goodbye. It's our hope that we'll see each and everyone of you in Philadelphia in mid-May.

Fraternally,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Robert H. Stein". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "R" and a long, sweeping underline.